

last days." Indeed, there is much to be thankful for this evening.

In fact, it is no overstatement to say, that for countless families, Hospice of Huntington has helped answer many prayers for relief and the joy of comfort.

According to a local news account, this Hospice—with 140 employees and more than 300 volunteers, an annual budget of about \$12 million a year, of which more than 80 percent goes directly to patient services—serves about 1,000 patients a year in Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mason Counties in West Virginia, as well as Lawrence County, Ohio.

Tonight, there will be much talk—and rightly so—of references to angels and angelic acts here on earth. Through my work with constituents, in getting them the government services they need and deserve, I know for a fact that Hospice of Huntington harbors a host of the better angels among us.

And if there is one on this earth who has guided and grown, directed and expanded and led and served the resources, services and programs for that host of angels to employ, it is none other than the archangel we so thankfully have in Charlene Farrell. Not only does Charlene trumpet the potential and possibilities of Hospice's many programs, echoing the skills and talents of Gabriel himself, but like Michael, she never fails to unsheathe her sword to defend those programs and the people who make them possible for the families they serve.

It is my honor to share these comments about Hospice of Huntington and its champion, Charlene, with my colleagues and our Nation. Ours is a blessed Nation because we are a giving Nation. Charlene Farrell's body of work, her spirit of giving will live on and grow long after she has turned the keys and passwords into the able hands of Melanie Hall.

As Sarah Denman, Chairwoman of the Hospice Board has said, Charlene "has created a team that will be able to carry that legacy into the future. That's the greatest gift—when you step away, the organization will continue at the same level with the same values and the same vision."

All this, Mr. Speaker, will continue to contribute to the greater benefit of the People of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I close my remarks honoring Charlene with these lines from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, the "Ode to Joy":

Your magic brings together what custom has sternly divided.

All men shall become brothers, wherever your gentle wings hover.

To Charlene, and her husband, Judge Paul Farrell, may your next symphony, the one with those seven loving grandchildren, be just as complete.

HONORING JANE SNOWDEN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jane Snowden, who after thirty years and at the age of eighty-eight, is retiring as an Ombudsman for residents of both nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Napa County, California. I thank Mrs.

Snowden for her thirty years of dedicated service to the senior citizens of Napa County, during which time her advocacy for the rights of seniors living in facilities helped to improve the quality of care for thousands.

Mrs. Snowden began working as an Ombudsman in 1985, first as a volunteer and then later as a member of staff. Initially, the Ombudsman Program was coordinated through the Volunteer Center, before it became a direct service offered by the Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa and Solano. In addition to her work as an Ombudsman, Mrs. Snowden has volunteered and worked extensively in the Napa area. She worked as a Quality Control Supervisor for Christian Brothers Winery for fifteen years and was also a Medical Technologist. She has worked at the Blood Bank and as a hospital aide. Mrs. Snowden is a devoted member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Napa, where she serves on the Altar Guild.

In addition to her work on behalf of the Napa community, Mrs. Snowden is a devoted mother; together with her late husband, Red, she raised four sons in Napa. She is admired by friends for her elegance, tenacity and capacity to teach and mentor others. Mrs. Snowden is known not only for her love of flowers, but also for her talent to create wonderful floral arrangements.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we honor and thank Mrs. Snowden for her invaluable service to the senior citizens of Napa. Her unyielding dedication to protecting and improving the quality of care that our seniors receive is greatly appreciated by the entire Napa community and we wish her a most enjoyable retirement.

SINISE NAVIDAD—IN HONOR OF GARY SINISE AND HIS CAREER AND DEDICATION TO OUR TROOPS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Blue Island, Illinois and our Nation's best, Gary Sinise.

Gary is one of America's finest actors, but it pales in comparison to his tireless dedication to America's military and their families. Following in the steps of like men like Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Rich Little, he is a true patriot. He's got their back.

I ask that this poem entitled "SINESE NAVIDAD," penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell, be placed in the RECORD.

SINISE NAVIDAD

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

In Blue Island Illinois a little boy is born

not to be The Forgotten one . . .

For he was no Imposter my son!

"Houston, we've got a problem" this one!

as a youth,

like A Rebel Without A Cause . . .

until something inside him gave pause,

as The Big Bounce had so begun!

His problems, but could he solve them?

Because life can be like The Green Mile,

leaving The Human Stain all the while . . .

like Snake Eyes you just can't run!

To find your passion!

Your life's direction . . .

your SINISE NAVIDAD,
and your life's quest and satisfaction . . .

From out of The Grapes of Wrath,
as Gary was looking for his path!

As so was Gary's past,
for there can be no greater blessing one
could ask . . .

then like a Truman to fin your path!

It's like having Christmas everyday to last!

As out there on the road of life,

as out there when you don't think twice!

As when you so find your future dreams to
cast!

Playing in Bands,

as Gary so thought school was just a bunch
of rules . . .

and Reindeer Games until he turned the
page!

And like a true West Side Story,

Gary so soon found out where lie his true
life's glory . . .

Was but up on a stage . . .

As so soon he became All The Rage!

Like a Albino Alligator he said I'll see you
later.

And someday, to The West, The True West
. . .

to Hollywood his heart would make its way!

First, on his magic carpet ride . . .

founding Steppenwolf Theater Company he
would glide!

While, gaining stature on Broadway!

But he wasn't just,

Being John Malkovich . . .

he was being his true self ovich!

While, getting such great results ovich . . .
of the likes of which,

like a Mission To Mars such greatness was
conveyed!

For Gary was a real C.S.I. New York kind of
guy,

detecting all those great projects as they
came by!

With The Stand he so took,

all in those roles he so played which made
people take a second look!

You see, Hollywood is a tough town . . .

as most of us have found!

With The Quick and Dead lying all around,

and no Ransom to be found!

But for all of the right reasons,

Gary's career was became so pleasing . . .

In his life . . . That Championship Season
. . .

Yea the bastard's got such talent now!

As in our throats we all so got lumps while
watching Forrest Gump!

As it we quote . . .

As Lt Dan so took command,

showing us all Of Mice and Men,

making all of our hearts pound!

Like George Wallace,

he didn't pussyfoot or find solace in Bruno
on A Midnight Clear . . .

As we all found what was inside of his heart
which appeared!

That this man with such great talent,

career was taking off like Apollo 13 here . . .
Thrusting forth into such bright new worlds
and future dreams,

with his most brilliant career unfurled so as
seen!

Making us so all believe,

from My Name Is Bill Wild to Jack The Bear,
that it's A Gentleman's Game where a Fallen
Angel could not be saved!

And now over the years,

we have all so become The Witness so clear!
That Gary has such great talent here!

For there are no Family Secrets,

Gary is such a man of heart who so seeks it!
With the kind of characters that he plays
bringing our hearts to tears!

Because he is,

The Caretaker of his craft . . .

And his Road to Nirvana was to act!

As The Landscape of The Body of his work is
to be revered!

Getting Out from all of those Loose Ends as a teenager . . .
 Acting would so help him to mend . . .
 sending Streamers to his heart!
 Giving him his passion,
 at what his star studded career would so fashion . . .
 As Orphans so made it happen when upon a stage he got his start!
 But, ROCK AND ROLL was always part of his very soul!
 So he plays in a band called The Lt. Dan Band,
 in the states or whenever he can go overseas to do his part!
 Home or abroad,
 it's his love for our Military that's really in his heart!
 For there's one thing for sure,
 he bleeds RED, WHITE, BLUE all the more . . .
 Because GARY is a PATRIOTIC AMERICAN through and through!
 Traveling through battle zones,
 as he's so fast becoming Bob Hope's clone!
 All in harm's way for all those all alone with his Band,
 with the Honor of bringing our Troops and all our Heroes back home!
 For we know not our final end,
 as all of those tears of joy to which he brings our finest of all women and men . . .
 A respite for weary TROOPS,
 giving something for them to hold onto and homesickness the boot!
 In life, are we listening?
 While, all in those moments which lie before us are so glistening?
 What we should do?
 For we all have only moments here in time,
 for we all have just minutes in these our short lifetimes!
 So what is it which makes all of our hearts shine true?
 If only we are lucky enough to find,
 our true love and our life's passion so fine!
 Then everyday is like Christmas . . .
 like "SINISE NAVIDAD" we will find!

Written in honor of A Great American Actor and Patriot, who has touched so many hearts, bringing comfort to all our Troops and their families—Gary Sinise.

TRIBUTE TO THE BURBANK COMMUNITY YMCA

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Burbank Community YMCA upon its ninetieth anniversary.

The YMCA is an extraordinary organization that has been strengthening communities across the nation since 1851 and has members of all ages and backgrounds. The YMCA invented volleyball, brought the Boy Scouts organization to the U.S., was instrumental with helping launch organizations such as the Red Cross, and is the nation's largest provider of child care.

The Burbank Community YMCA, founded in 1924, began in a single room and now boasts an impressive 57,000 square foot health and activities center and an 18,000 square foot Child Development Center. In 1932, through fundraising and capital campaigns, the Burbank Y membership purchased the First Baptist Church, which served as an all-purpose building, and also received its charter as an

independent YMCA association. Throughout the years, the Burbank Y has significantly expanded the facilities, by adding the aquatics center and indoor pool in 1957, a three-story physical fitness facility in 1976, and the Y's Choice Cafe in 2008, to provide healthy refreshments as well as a social gathering area.

The Burbank Community YMCA has a wide array of programs to help individuals, families, and children reach their full potential, and become stronger in spirit, mind and body. Programs include family, adult and senior fitness, youth sports such as basketball, aquatics, martial arts and gymnastics, and classes in the arts, such as music and dance. Offering the opportunity to build strength of character and body in an encouraging environment is what makes the Burbank YMCA such an essential and beloved institution.

For the past 90 years, the Burbank Y has provided members of the community the opportunity to become stronger mentally and physically and has helped people make a positive difference in their own lives. The residents of Burbank are fortunate to have such a venerable institution in their community.

I ask all Members to join me in commending the Burbank Community YMCA for ninety years of care and dedication to the greater Burbank area.

HONORING JUDGE HORACE T. WARD

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation.

Whereas, Judge Horace T. Ward is a tenacious man of many gifts, talents and much wisdom who has served this nation nobly as private citizen, soldier, lawyer, state senator and federal judge; and

Whereas, Judge Horace T. Ward rose from humble beginnings in LaGrange, Georgia showing unusual academic achievement from an early age by graduating as Valedictorian of his high school class, matriculating to Morehouse College and Atlanta University where he eventually earned the Master's Degree; and

Whereas, he demonstrated an interest in studying law at a young age when he met one of the few African American lawyers in Georgia at the time, the great A. T. Walden, and set his sights on the University of Georgia Law School in an era of strict segregation; and

Whereas, he continued his fight to study at UGA for more than six long years and in the interim received his law degree from Northwestern University in Illinois and honorably served his country in the Korean War, he then returned to Georgia and made history as part of a legal team that successfully adjudicated the desegregation of the University of Georgia, thus opening educational opportunities to succeeding generations of African American students; and

Whereas, Judge Ward again made history in 1979 when President Jimmy Carter appointed him as the first African American to serve on the U.S. Federal bench in Georgia as a District Court Judge for the Northern District where he served honorably and well; and

Whereas, the Seventh Day Adventist Church is today honoring Judge Ward, an elder in the church, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has also set aside this day to honor and recognize Judge Horace T. Ward for his outstanding leadership and service to all citizens in the state of Georgia, including and especially the citizens of our district; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim February 8, 2014 as Judge Horace T. Ward Day in the 4th Congressional District.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of February, 2014.

HONORING THE LATE MOSE "BILBO" ALLEN, SR.

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable veteran, the late Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. Mr. Allen has shown what can be done through hard work, setting goals, and aiming high.

Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. was born August 27, 1922, in Murphy, Mississippi, to the late Sarah and Richard Allen. He was a humble and caring man who was always in good spirit. He accepted Christ on July 1, 2013 at the Goodwill M.B. Church.

Mr. Allen was a veteran of World War II from December 1942 until January 1946, where he earned several medals, including the ATO Medal, APTO Medal, Philippine LIB Ribbon with two bronze stars, and the World War II Victory Medal.

He met and married Ruby Allen on December 25, 1946, in Rolling Fork, Mississippi and to that union, 13 children were born and he loved them with all his soul.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the late Mr. Mose "Bilbo" Allen, Sr. for his dedication to serving our great Country and his community.

LITTLE SOLDIERS—IN HONOR OF TAPS AND ALL THE CHILDREN OF THE FALLEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, on this up and coming Memorial Day I rise today in honor of all the children of the fallen and their families of TAPS. The ones who have lost their greatest loves, their most precious mothers and fathers. Out prayers go out to them, as we see their parents in their faces each day as they grow up. And we are reminded of them as they warm our hearts. I ask that this poem penned in their honor by Albert Carey Caswell be placed in the RECORD.

LITTLE SOLDIERS
 (By Albert Caswell)

Attention . . . Little Soldiers . . .
 Boys and Girls . . .
 Strengthen your hearts,
 for you were once your parent's world!
 Remember you were your parents greatest joy!